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HUNTINGION's MMAZING STORY TOLD IN DETALL.

## Boys and Men, Victims of Insani- ty anad Death, After the

 Huntingone, Pa., Jan. 21.Huntingdon, Pa., Jan. 21.-President Mahion H. Dickinson and Secretary Cad walder Biddle, of the State Board of Public Charities, ac Osbourn, arrived here this evening by Western members of the board, so that there will be no delay in be ginning to-morrow the investigation
of the alleged crulties_and barbarities toward inmates of the Hunting. don Reformatory as set forth in the
aworn testimony of boys who desworn testimony of boys who de-
clare that they? most brutal treatment
Theirar eviderce, the Inquirer, which began and has fol-
lowed up the deyelopements, originating with the transfer from the in-
stitution here to Moyamensing Pristitution here to Joyamensing Pris "incorrigibility," all of whom have since been discharged from custod Philadelphia, now posseses an array of facts daring the investi gation that will doubtless prove a formatory.
There is every reason this investigation, directed b Governor Pattison upon the request of Senator Osbourn and based main ly upon the evideuze of Jacob JohnWoods, will perforce become of the most sweeping character; that it
will not stop with the cases that have already appeared in the public prints; but that it will have to take ing than the chaining up, the whip ping and the blackjacking of young prisoners sent here for a first offense had not intended taking part in the hearings here, though invited to do personal and professional engagements, preferring to wait until Wednesday of next week, when the continued in Philadelphia.-In

## THE BAKER BALLOT LAW.

Its Constitutionality Being Tested
Before a Seranton Court.
Scranton March 20.-The case of Fzra H. Kipple and others Commissioners, in which the praintiff prays for injanction restraining the Commissioners from complying with the requirements of the Bake fore Judges Archbald, Connelly and P. P. Smith represented the plaintiff County Solicitor Knapp and Charle K. Binney, secretary of the Ballot
Reform Association of Philadelphia, appenred for the county
The attacks made apponred torks made upon the law
The attack went to prove that it was uncon-
all stitutional. First, because it it
is especial legislation, inas-
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much as it does not provide for
elections to vote upon questions of increase of corporate debt, etc., and
is therefore not uniform. Second, does not apply to all voters alike for it divides them into three classes the first being those who belong to ent. of the total vote, the pecond being those who belong to a party that cast less than three per cent. of the total vote, and the third is the body of independent voters who have no party allegiance. The haw legislates differently for each of these classes and is therefore, not a uniform law. Again it was held that the law is anconstitutional for
the reason that it confers judicial the reason that it confers judicial
powers on ministerial officers; conveys legislative powers on officers' organization and bodies possessing neither legal nor certain existence ; it is uncertain in its provisions, ap-
application and operation, and the subject of the act is not clearly
ede is nile.
The defense set by Mr. Binney
nd Mr. Knapp was and Mr. Knapp was that the law is
perfectly pight, proper and constituperfectly right, proper and constitu-
tional and a public blessing "with which it would be a crime to interfere. In rebutal they claimed that the law is not special in the sense and that it provides for all elections the provision being to the effect that elections to decide questions of increase of corporate debt, adopting a
city charter etc., are by the direction city charter etc., are by the direction
of the Constitution conducted in a of the Constitution conducted in a
like manner to the municipal electike manner to the municipal elec
tions for which the Baker law pro iles. Mr. Binney spoke for two
hours, during which time he made a full exposition of the ballot reform hw. The court took the papers and

## GUTEEAUDRUNK WHEN HUNG.

Given a Large Dose of Brandy by
the Doctors to Brace Mim Up.
Washington, March 20.-Tilden ormer chemist at the Nationa Medical Muscum, speaking of Gui eau, President Garfield's assassin, and that the assassin went to the
seaffold in a semi-drunken condi"Mhis," added the doctor, "was a necessity. You are aware that when a squad of solders entered
the jail rofunda a short while before the exection, and came to order arms, with a loud bang, Guiteau fell over in a dead faint.
"His nervous system wae shatterwould be unable to get him to the saffold. A consultation was held and it was decided to give him a dose of brandy. This was done and he got a big dose too. Not being used to drinking the dose weat
is head, and his 'oh, Lord' song on the scaffold, was, in my estimation,

## covered with skeletons.

## San Nicholas Island and Its Grue

 some story.On the lonely wind-swept Island of San Nicolas, eighty miles of the far baek as the memory of man runs, hundreds of grisly white and hillsides, local archæologists are now gathering the relics of a strange now gathering
The island is ten miles long and
oval in shape, being four miles oval in shape, being four miles
cross at the wides: part, Strange cross at the widest part. Strange and steatite are found there among the human bones, and the island and its erswhile inhabitants have a
history so curious that it is difficnlt history so curious
of compreliension
In 1835 the padres of Santa Barbara, learning that there were but sitteen of the strarge Indian to rescue thim from determined They went over in a sloop and suc ceeded, as they thought, in getting all on board. At the last momen an Indian *oman returned for her child, and of the frequent storms of the channel islands springing up, the sloop was driven away without her. The sloop went on the rocks o
Point Concepcion and all on board Point Conc
were lost.
Sixteen years later Captain George Gideyer and two men wen otter off San Nicolas. On landing
to discover human footprints in the sand. They saw no one, however,
a storm compelled them to put to sea.
It was two years thereafter that the adventurous captain, revolving in bis mind the sight of the toot prints in the uncanny island, de termined to go and discover and bring over the louly woman of whon he had vaguely heard. Men
accompanied him, and at length they saw on the surf beaten shore woman with long tawny hair, dressed in a queer garb of colored brdskins, and scraping, with They surrounded and am a seal. They surrounded and approached denly confronted, she did 0 pear to be afraid, but smiled, an then falling on her knees prayed to the suu. The wild woman offered no objection when by signs she was made to understand that she was to go with them in the boat.
They reached Santa Barbara, across the rough sea, and the first thing the Indian woman saw was Dr S. L. Shaw, now 80 years old and yet living there, riding a horse. She had never seen nor heard of any ob ject like it and thought the man and horse were one, and ehe knelt on
the shore and offered her devotions to it. Two weeks afterward the last inhmbitant of rock-ribbed, tempest toused San Nicolas died from eating food to which she was unaccustomed, furnished by her rescuers, and the curtain fell on her strange race for-

Wild dogs had eateu her child Her dress of red and blue feathers, hands, was sent to the Pope Rome. Relic hunters have gathered motars, pestles, ollas, toy steatit
canoes and other curious thing canoes and other curious things there for some years past and ship
ped them to various Eastern and European universities. Skeleton and parts of skeletons have also
been collected in large numbers, but to day the bones of thousards of Indians are scattered about there they ho dow, indicating tha they have fallen in battle. There are so many human relies there that
San Nicolas is known as the "Isle Skulls.
"The lonly island, whose highes said a resident of Ventura last niglit, "is noted for the high aristic class of many of its relics. Had the net died a story passing strange would no doubt have been told of the race so long hemmed in by the
waste of waters about. As it is much of the strange story is shroud

ESTELLA ITEMS. W. W.
his bed.

## Seth Griffin of Canton, was

Unele Sam Norton of Bare Moun Unele Sam Nor
ain, is very sick.
Miss Viola Plotts, has returned me from Hillsfirove
C. B. Jennings avd R. B. Plott day night. y 1
G. W. Little. Seth is to work dastrious boy.
M. E. Middaugh drires the finest orse in town, He says: Black's bay will h
Lost:-One red calf, on the road finder will be liberally aterla returning the same to Frantz Bein return
lich.
The Farmers' Institute, held at Forksville last week, was a grand
success. It is something that every furmer should take an interest in and put their shoulder to the wheel along.
C. B. Jennings drove his team from Canton to Forksville, distance 4 miles in two hours and forty worth and he says, he did'nt think ntil he saw what one HillsGrov team had done.

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